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HORSES PERISHED IN BURNING BARN.

C. A. Burdick's Big Barn on the Corner of Green and Mechanic Streets Entirely Destroyed.

GOOD WORK SAVED THE HOUSE.

Three Valuable Horses Were Burned to Death Another Badly Injured Early Tuesday Evening.

Three horses lost their lives and another was severely burned in a fire which destroyed C. A. Burdick's barn Tuesday evening.

The fire was not discovered until the entire structure was enveloped in flames, at about 6:15, and the rapid spread of the flame rendered impossible any attempt to save the horses that were in the northwest corner of the barn. The origin of the fire seems a mystery, as no one is claiming that it started from the stove, or the boiler with which the barn was heated, as all parts of the interior were thoroughly inspected. No lights were used in the vicinity and no one was allowed to enter the barn with matches or lighted lamps. The fire was first discovered by Mr. Burdick, who was in the front door, locking up for the night. He made determined efforts to get into the burning building, but was driven back and later cried for aid. E. W. Jones, living near, who was passing at the time, responded promptly and with the assistance of several others succeeded in getting out the horses, one of the horses coming out with his mane and tail burned off and his body severely burned. The other horses could not be got out, as the fire had gained such headway that it was impossible to enter the stable.

The firemen worked bravely to keep the flames away from the dwelling house which stands in close proximity to the Mechanic street end of the stable. Showers of sparks carried by the high wind rained upon the houses in the neighborhood and only the wet condition of roofs and watchful care of residents averted a more disastrous conflagration.

After an hour's hard work the danger of the dwelling house being fired was over and the barn, hay house, etc., had a mass of blazing ruins. The blackened carcasses of the burned horses were plainly visible and dead chickens, doves, etc., could be seen where the flames had caught them. During the progress of the fire a quantity of rifle and shot gun cartridges exploded with alarming reports, driving a good share of the crowd to places of safety.

The loss on barn and contents, including carriages, wagon, hay and other goods stored in various parts of the building, is estimated at over $3,000. Insurance

Licenses Granted and Refused.

Judge Morrison handed down his decisions to the applicants for liquor licenses Monday. Seventy-three were granted in the county and eight refused.

The following licenses were granted in Smethport. Hotels—Grand Central, James McGuire; Imperial, Daniel Bacon; Commercial House, W. V. Provin; Wright House, B. F. Wright; Shook House, Earl Shook. Eating House—Edward Hungerford. Bottlers—Hungerford & McCarty. Wholesale—A. J. Warshofsky.

The applications refused were Mike Myers, hotel, Ryan & Keane, hotel, Bradford; Burleson & Sweeney, Central hotel, Eldred; Adam Snyder, eating house, Port Allegany; A. J. Connolly & W. S. Haines, wholesale, Port Allegany; C. G. Jackson, eating house, Mt. Jewett; M. S. Caskey Farmers' hotel, Smethport; R. C. Sasse, wholesale, Smethport.

In the suggestions to licensees the Court states that the liquor business should be as respectable as any other mercantile business, and therefore no curtains, screens or frosted glass should be needed to shield the interior from the public. Among other suggestions was the one that no private rooms should be tolerated and no drinks served after 10:30 p. m., except to bona fide guests in their own rooms or in the dining rooms. The Court also disapproved of free lunches in barrooms as an inducement to the public to patronize the bar.

Beware, Farmers!

The Canisteo Chronicle gives the following which should be read by every farmer: It is said that a gang of swindlers are operating in southern New York and Pennsylvania, victimizing farmers. Their game is to approach a farmer and after describing to him the good points a patent hay fork, appoint him agent for the machine, agreeing to give him a fork if he will show it to his neighbors and devote one day each month to taking orders. The farmer signs a contract agreeing to the above. When the contract is cut in two the signature is attached to a judgment note (instead of a contract as the farmer supposed), which the farmer is forced to pay at the bank. Scores of farmers have been compelled in this way to pay from $75 to $450.

ANCIENT HISTORY.

Happenings in McKean County in Days of Old, Taken from the Files.

Married, in this borough, at the residence of the bride's father on Nov. 6, 1859, by Rev. C. Cornforth, Mr. A. J. Turner to Miss Mary E. Taylor. We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of several choice pieces of wedding cake and a gold dollar, which accompanied the foregoing notice. We wish our friends much joy in their new relations.

We learn that the trustees of the Academy have secured the services of W. W. Brown, Esq., to teach the coming winter. We believe Mr. Brown will make an excellent teacher and we hope he will have a full school.

We are greatly astonished at the apparent "Utah Heap" in the middle name which pervades the articles of the Democrat upon the subject of the recent Lincoln speech election. The editor looks upon it coolly contemplates its pure and spotless mien as presented and apparently would feel very much like saying that should deign to show enough attention in future. What a change has come over the spirit of the dream. Just out of the [illegible] commissioner's office was it [illegible] we take the Democrat for authority, about as far wrong as a den of wolves. That's history again repeated.

Miss Sarah E. Young, the [illegible] who is to assist in the [illegible] in the absence of Mr. Cornforth.

We are sorry [illegible] Lees [illegible] who have agreed to draw no salary to pay up their indebtedness [illegible] enough money not to fulfill their engagements, we will try and raise the money to pay for as they work it [illegible] within a week from other sources.

How much truth there is in the statement of Fred Douglas, that the slaveholders flout their negroes in the South with dogs and in the North with Democrats."

Kit Carson, the celebrated mountaineer, died at Taos, New Mexico, recently. He was acting in the capacity of Indian Agent and exerted great influence over the Indians. No sooner was his death known among them than they commenced hostilities against the whites.

Washington Irving, the distinguished author, died very suddenly at his residence at Sunny Side, near New York, of a late hour Monday evening, Nov. 28, 1859. Mr. Irving was in the 76th year of his age at the time of his death.

The cars are now running from Erie to Warren on the S. & E. railroad.

Capt. John Brown was hanged at 11:15 Friday morning, December 2, 1859. Everything was conducted under the strictest military discipline, as if the town was in a state of siege. At eleven o'clock the prisoner was brought out of the jail, accompanied by Sheriff Campbell and assistants, and Capt Avis, the jailor. A small wagon, containing a white pine coffin, was driven up on which they took a seat. Six companies of infantry, a rifle company, a company of horse and the general and his staff (numbering twenty-five officers) headed the procession and marched towards the place of execution. Brown was accompanied by no minister and desired no religious ceremonies either in the jail or on the scaffold. He looked calmly around on the people and was fully possessed during the trying occasion. He mounted the scaffold with a firm step. His arms were pinioned by the sheriff. He bade farewell to Captain Avis and Sheriff Campbell. At a quarter after eleven o'clock the drop of the scaffold was pulled and after a few slight struggles John Brown yielded up his spirit. The body was placed in a coffin and is now on its way to Harper's Ferry to be delivered to his wife, under a strong military escort.

The Bennett House property of this place was sold on Thursday last to a gentleman named Warner from Livingston county, N. Y., for the sum of $4,800.

Prospect Hill, about 3 miles from this borough, was the scene of a dreadful accident on Tuesday last. Two children belonging to Patrick Kelley, the eldest about 3 years of age and the youngest just old enough to walk, were left alone in the house for a few moments, when the clothes of the youngest caught fire—it is supposed by coming in contact with the fire in the fire place. The oldest child ran to the door and cried for help and succeeded in arresting the attention of the father, who was in the barn some distance off. He hastened to the house and there found the little sufferer in an awful condition; that portion of the body where the dress fitted closest was burned black. Dr. McCoy of this borough was immediately sent for, but medical aid was of no avail. The sufferings of the child terminated in death within three hours after the accident happened.

Married, in Keating township, on Dec. 4, 1859, by Rev. C. Cornforth, Mr. J. H. Dunfloy to Miss C. J. Gifford, all of Keating.

Died, in Keating township, Dec. 29, 1859, Mrs. Mariam Gary, aged about 90 years.

Try our household size of Cyrll Oil. Just the thing. Holmes & Gilfillan.

PRINTERS WERE THE WINNERS.

Much Talked of Game Between Printers and High School.

GAME WAS HOTLY CONTESTED.

The Printers Surprised the School Boys By Defeating Them, Score Was 14 to 12.

Owing to the prevailing wetness last Friday the advertised collision between the High School base ball team and the printers on the Nelson street diamond did not occur. However, the teams met on Monday afternoon and the printers surprised their warmest admirers by trimming up the High School boys 14 to 12. It is reported that remarks were made by members of the school team to the effect that the printers would not score, but they sadly underestimated "our" ability.

The teams batted in the following order: High School—Rubin, c.; Mayo and H. Backus, 1st F. Portle, 2d Mayo, ss.; Rasch, 1st Dutton, 2d Hendricks, r. f.; Tyrrell, l. f.

The first innings resulted in a batter for both sides. In the second the school boys scored a couple of tallies and the printers again drew a cipher, and failed the same number in the third while their opponents scored one run. The school crowd were happy and gay when the fourth opened, little dreaming of the terrible calamity hanging over them. Denning's support weakened at this moment and the result was a gorgeous balloon ascension in which the whole school team figured prominently. When the dust had cleared away a rush was made for the official and efficient scorer, T. J. Hayes, and the blissful discovery was made that the typesetters had scored eight times. After this the typos were never headed, although the High School made a rally in their half of the fourth and came within one run of tieing the score. In the remaining five innings they accumulated six more runs, while the printers galloped along in the lead, winding up in a blaze of glory in the ninth when three runs were scored.

The game was a hot one from first to last, not a dull minute in it. As each one of the typographical team now claims to be a star of the first magnitude, it is too dangerous to attempt any bouquet throwing. The High School team played a good game of ball, but they were outclassed.

NOTES.

Dutton and Usher, the printers' battery, did excellent work. "Dut's" tapeless delivery is all right.

Several of the printers' aggregation showed themselves to be accomplished "unit" operators in more ways than one.

Both pitchers had numerous strikeouts. Denning issued more passes to first than his opponent.

"Bake" Servatius and "Babe" Sasse umpired the game in an impartial manner and there was little kicking over their decisions.

The crowd was small, but enthusiastic, and very liberal in its applause of both teams.

The work of the two "cubs," Murl Backus and Fred Portle, was entirely satisfactory.

The High School boys seemed dazed over the result, which leads one to suppose that the long end of the string was not exactly where they expected it would be.

Judging from the remarks heard next day from the printer participants in regard to assorted lameness, soreness and bruises even the glory of victory has its drawbacks.

The MINER force congratulates itself on having made nine of the fourteen runs.

The McKean County Bar Association.

A largely attended meeting of The McKean County Bar Association, was held at the court house Thursday afternoon, May 22nd., Honorable B. D. Hamlin, president, presiding. Mr. Hamlin tendered his resignation as president of the Association which resignation was accepted and thereupon E. L. Keenan, Esq., of Smethport was unanimously elected president of the Association. A vacancy existing in the office of secretary of the Association was filled by the unanimous election of G. B. Mayo, Esq., of Smethport and Neil MacEwen, Esq., of Kane was unanimously elected assistant secretary. The Association then proceeded to the transaction of routine business, after which the meeting adjourned to meet at the court house, Monday, June 2, 1902 at 2 p. m.

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gas ranges—most economical, convenient, durable and reasonable. See my new stock. J. C. Hamlin.

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CHARLES THOMPSON ARRESTED.

Bradford Man Who Shot His Two Brothers Last Summer is in Jail.

Charles Thompson was arrested in Bradford last Friday night at the instance of Chief of Police Murray, charged with felonious assault upon his brothers, John and Major Thompson.

The assault said to have been committed by Thompson occurred on the night of August 19, 1901, at the family residence, No. 14 Ascension street, Bradford. Shortly before midnight on that date two pistol shots were heard by residents of that vicinity. Investigation disclosed the fact that John and Major Thompson had been assaulted by some person, presumably their brother, Charles. Major was shot in the arm, the wound proving painful but not dangerous. John was shot in the lungs and was confined to the hospital for several months, but eventually recovered.

The Bradford Era says

Charles Thompson disappeared from the house at the time of the shooting and although a great search for him was instituted [illegible] showing towns and [illegible] were visited [illegible] he was wanted [illegible] escaped capture [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] Thompson [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] was [illegible] [illegible] At the time of the shooting it was believed that he was mortally [illegible].

The [illegible] was given a hearing Saturday afternoon and bail [illegible] in the sum [illegible] Thompson was unable to furnish said and was brought to Smethport Monday by Constable Harrington to await trial.

Death of Mrs. Doyle.

Mrs. Helen Doyle, relict of the late Michael Doyle, died at the home of her son, J. C. Doyle of Sartwell, Monday, May 19, 1902, aged 83 years, one month and 15 days. The cause of her death was paralysis.

Miss Helen Kent was born in Canandaigua, N. Y., April 4, 1819, where she resided with her parents until 1836 when she was united in marriage to Michael Doyle and moved to this county, settling on the farm in Sartwell, where she died. To them were born eight children, six of whom are living, namely: John C. Doyle of Sartwell, Mrs. Titus J. Butler of Mt. Jewett, William F., A. D., A. R. and L. A., all of whom reside in West Virginia. Her husband preceded her into the great beyond thirteen years.

Mrs. Doyle was a lifelong member of the Catholic church and her many acts of charity made her many friends. The Doyle home was always open to travelers who needed food or shelter and their many friends who came to their hospitable home were always royally entertained.

The funeral services were held at the Catholic church at Sartwell Thursday morning at 8 o'clock, Rev. Father Miller officiating. Her remains were laid at rest in the Catholic cemetery at that place.

Farmers' Institutes.

The county board of farmers' institute managers, will meet at the county commissioners' office on the second Tuesday of June, at one o'clock to arrange for the place where institutes are to be held this season. All of our people who desire institutes, ought to attend this meeting and present their claims. This Board is composed of the local members of the state board of agriculture, and one representative from each county agricultural society, the Pomona Grange and County Alliance. If you find that you cannot attend this meeting, address a letter with your request to Chairman of Board of Institute Managers, care of county commissioners.

Advertised Letters.

List of letters remaining in the postoffice at Smethport for the week ending May 24, 1902.

Miss Lillie Alcock, Mrs. Sadie Childs, Andy Iceberg, Mrs. Amelie Irwin, Burton D. Kent, J. T. McGonigal, Jack Morrison, John Salverson, Frank Tompkins, Frank Williams.

Persons calling for these letters please say "advertised." All unclaimed letters are sent to the Dead Letter Office two weeks from date of advertising.

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Postmaster.

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BADLY BURNED IN GAS EXPLOSION.

Monheimer's Clothing Store the Scene of a Painful Accident.

STORE WAS TWICE ON FIRE.

Dennis A. McCarthy, a Plumber, Was Painfully Burned While Placing a Gas Meter in Position

Dennis A. McCarthy, a plumber employed by the Palmer Plumbing Co., met with a serious accident at about 5:30 o'clock Monday afternoon.

McCarthy was placing a meter in the rear of Monheimer's store in the Central block. The gas had been turned off in the building and the plumber laid under a ledge which supported some shelves showing the meter into place. Suddenly there was an explosion and McCarthy's hands and face were enveloped in a burst of flame. The store was set on fire and an alarm sounded. McCarthy was taken to his boarding place on Green street and a doctor summoned. It was found that his face and head were severely burned, but his hands had received most injuries. He suffered [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

...TWO NEGATIVES

By H ory S. Wa throp

[illegible]

Everybody said, when old General Ainsworth died at 81 it was found that fortune-hunters struck speculator Fate pretty neatly when it put his entire fortune, that Evan Ainsworth should establish himself in a theist. Several of their set, they argued, who had suddenly found themselves compelled to earn their own living had followed this course and succeeded honorably enough. Moreover, the Ainsworth connections had been famous.

Precisely because everybody had suggested a florist's shop Evan Ainsworth decided against it. It was all very well at first, he argued, when your shop is a novelty and people bought flowers in the frenzy of sweet charity, but he knew little about flowers and enough to make the business go independent success. On the other hand, his amateur photographs had gained distinction at various exhibitions. Very sensibly he decided to develop this talent, and so he secured a position as operator in an obscure gallery, where he could gain experience with skeptical Cork. Two months later Evan Ainsworth was practically forgotten by his old associates.

To Evan Ainsworth was thankful, for the dark days following his mother's death had been made more gloomy by the repeated visits of self constituted advisers, who failed to appreciate the [illegible] Of these some [illegible] who [illegible] less money [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

Smethport, Thursday, May 29, 1902.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Decoration Day to-morrow.

Benefit ball to-morrow night.

Olean's smallpox scare has subsided

—Will Smethport celebrate the Fourth?

—Holmes & Gilfillan have a change of ad to-day. Read it.

—The residence of F. W. Brownell is being beautified by Sasse's painters.

—The McCoy glass plant at Kane shut down for the summer last Saturday.

—Remember the Guild supper at St. Luke's parish house to-night. All are invited.

—Dennis Gallagher and Jim Parr will wrestle in Bradford at the Wagner opera house June 2, for a purse of $200.

—Married, at Limestone, N. Y., on May 13, 1902, Mr. Jeptha Irons to Mrs. Lena Rickey Congratulations are extended.

—The town of Marienville, recently destroyed by fire, will be rebuilt. Several of the contemplated new buildings will be of brick.

—Anderson & Carlson, proprietors of Smethport's shoe store, make some remarks on footwear in their ad this week which will pay you to read.

—The entertainment given by the Mandolin Club and Silver Bell Quartet for the benefit of the Union church at East Smethport last Friday night netted $23.80.

—Chauncey Stainbrook of Foster township was taken to the Warren Insane Asylum by Commissioners Boardman and Hungiville on Tuesday. Stainbrook was an inmate of the above institution for a time several years ago.

—According to all reports constables and fish wardens throughout this section are rigidly enforcing the laws relative to catching undersized trout. Twenty trout is now a good day's catch and you are in luck if you take that many over six inches in length.

—Harry W. Neily, Jr., formerly city editor of The Times, and latterly of the McKeesport Herald has accepted a position on the Kane Courier. Mr. Neily is a good newspaper man and will be of assistance in establishing the new paper at Kane.—Warren Times.

—"The People Brought Gold and There Came Out This Calf" is the Rev. Gaylard Patterson's subject for next Sunday evening at the Methodist church service beginning at eight o'clock. Observance of the Lord's Supper in the morning, preceded by a brief talk about "Who May Commune."

—Married, at Olean N. Y., on Saturday, May 17, 1902, by the Rev. Wells, Mr. Charles Wesley Ames of this borough to Miss Violet Leila Chamberlain of Bradford. The happy couple are spending a few days with the groom's father and it is understood that they will make Smethport their future home. The best wishes of the MINER are tendered.

—Wednesday evening, Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Keane arrived in town, from Little Addington Vicarage, North Hants, England and are being entertained at Mrs. Keane's old home the Benton Place. Mrs. Keane notes many changes about the old home and the town in general, since her last visit here some four years ago. They expect to remain in town several weeks.—Port Allegany Argus.

—John O. Sonberg of Bradford, was in Kane on Wednesday. Mr. S. has recently returned from Worcester, Mass., where he organized the first S. B. of A. lodge in the state. He is much pleased with prospect of organizing the New England states. In conversation with him and Carl Engstrom we were surprised to learn that there are about 7,000 more Swedes in Massachusetts than in Pennsylvania.—Leader.

—Tony Lillanto, a young Italian employed on the railroad at Smethport, met with a painful accident late Friday afternoon. The young man with several others were at work, when in some way he stepped in front of a moving hand car and was knocked down and badly bruised about the chest. He was brought to the Kane hospital here Saturday morning. He came from Italy only two weeks ago. His injury will not prove fatal.—Kane Courier.

—The Franklin News says: A tramp is begging money from citizens, and is doing a good businessa. His left arm is hung in a sling and is covered by a horrible looking sore, which the man says was inflicted by a railroad accident. A physician who saw the wound says it was caused by the use of some powerful acid, and was evidently self-inflicted to enable the man to play upon the feelings of the unsophisticated. The man should not be encouraged, but run out of town. Look out for him.

—In the recent hearing of the case of the Kane Park Trustees for permission to sell portions of land possessed by the borough, Attorney J. E. Mullin appeared for petitioners with Geo. A. Berry of Bradford. Mr. Mullin presented the argument for petitioners and a Bradford correspondent to the Star pays him this compliment. "The argument of Mr. Mullin was highly complimented by the attorneys and others who listened to it as being a clear statement of the case, presented in forceful language, and fortified by citations of the law that showed a vast amount of study. He is a young lawyer for whom a bright future is predicted."

Correspondence.

BRW [illegible]

[illegible] & Murphy are [illegible] to [illegible] Foster [illegible] [illegible] by a boiler explosion on Friday of last week [illegible] explosion of a boiler. There was nothing left of the boiler or boiler house. They were some time in finding the remains as they were buried under some rubbish. The heartfelt sympathy of the people is extended. He left a widow and two sons.

All the scholars passed examinations in the eighth grade. The people ought to be proud of the teacher, R. N. Smith, who has been such a hard worker for school interests and we hope he will be retained for another term.

D. W. Wright and T. McCord have their new mill running and are cutting lumber for the South Penn Oil Co., with Charles Leet at the lever. Peter Bronk is the main guy of the bark huskers.

Misses Edith and Laura Stroup, of Kane, former residents of this place, are visiting their sister, Mrs. J. Stroup. They will soon leave for Indiana to join their parents.

Miss Phoebe Huff is agent for the Pennsylvania Grit and sells 35 copies. She is a hustler and expects to get many more customers.

A euchre party was held at Mr. and Mrs. McCoskey's. Mrs. D. W. Roberts won the prize and Prof. Elliott the booby, a frog.

The primary scholars gave their teacher, Ella Walker, a present and all wished to have her returned next term.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Dunn are pleased over the arrival of a young lady who has come to make her home with them.

Memorial services were held in the U. B. church last Sunday by Elder Dunbar with a large attendance.

Saturday night there was a show in town. The front seat broke but no one was hurt.

Q. McSol's little son, Donald, is very ill at this writing.

Mildred Porter is bookkeeping for Pa-simore & Co.

Miss Sadie Huff is visiting friends in Aiken

P. A. Conolly drove to Bradford Friday.

COLEVILLE.

Will Moore, who has been visiting friends and relatives in this place the past week, returned to his work at Depew, N. Y., Saturday.

Frank Digel and Wm Geisenhoff attended the dance at Mt. Alton. The boys report a fine time.

Mrs. Chas. Taylor of Corryville and Mrs. Harve Hausman were the guests of Mrs. Yerdon Friday.

Rev. and Mrs. Bennett of West Branch were renewing acquaintances in town the past week.

Theodore Moore has returned to his home in this place where he expects to stay for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cook of Ormsby were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Culbertson Sunday.

Miss Edna Burdick of Rixford was the guest of Miss Gertrude McQuillan the past week.

Miss Elsie Moore was the guest of Miss Olive Coulter of Summit City Wednesday.

We are pleased to hear that Mrs. Barry is slowly recovering from her injuries.

Miss Grace Zillafro of Rixford was the guest of friends in town last week.

Mr. Brown, the piano man from Little Valley was in town Friday.

Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Albertson drove to Eldred Saturday.

Mrs. Allen of Simpson was the guest of Mrs. Cotton last week.

Mrs. John Moore entertained friends at tea Thursday.

Harve Hausman drove to Bradford Wednesday.

CLERMONT

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Meisel of Renovo were visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Meisel, last week.

John Meisel has treated his house to a new coat of paint. L. Koenig of Smethport did the decorating.

W. W. Tate of Wellsboro was seen on our streets one day last week.

Mike Heagle of St. Marys was seen on our streets one day last week.

Ed Schleiff and Joseph Meisel drove to Hazelhurst last Saturday.

The tent show we had here last week was a fake.

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Reduced Rates to San Francisco and Los Angeles.

On account of the Imperial Council, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at San Francisco, Cal., June 10 to 14, 1902, the Pennsylvania Railroad company will sell excursion tickets to San Francisco or Los Angeles from all stations on its lines from May 26 to June 7, inclusive, at greatly reduced rates. These tickets will be good for return passage within sixty days from date of sale when executed by joint agent at Los Angeles or San Francisco and payment of fifty cents made for this service. For specific rates apply to ticket agents.

ENGAGED.

Marriage is very large[illegible] an excellent. In few cases [illegible] men or women set up a standard of manly or womanly excellence and choose by it. In most cases people become engaged as the result of propinquity rather than because of any deep rooted preference.

And so it often happens that the wife enters upon the obligations of maternity just as thoughtlessly as she entered on the marriage relation, because no one has warned her of the dangers she faces.

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MANUFACTURER OF

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THEY SECURED FIRST PREMIUM.

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Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Wm. A. Young, late of Smethport borough, McKean county, Pa., deceased, have been granted to James Bray, residing in Farmers Valley, said county and State, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment at once, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay.

JAMES BRAY, Adm'r

Farmers Valley, Pa., May 10, 1902.

The ORIGINAL and MOST SMOKED long cut tobacco in all the United States, manufactured with the express purpose of blending the two qualities, that of a good smoke and a good chew.

It is made of ripe, sweetened "Burley," the only tobacco from which a perfect combination of smoking and chewing tobacco can be made.

Gail & Ax Navy is known by the distinctive character of its blue wrapper (which has many imitators), it being to-day identically the same as forty years ago, and it now stands for the quality that it did then. You get the very best, and take no chances, when you buy Gail & Ax Navy.

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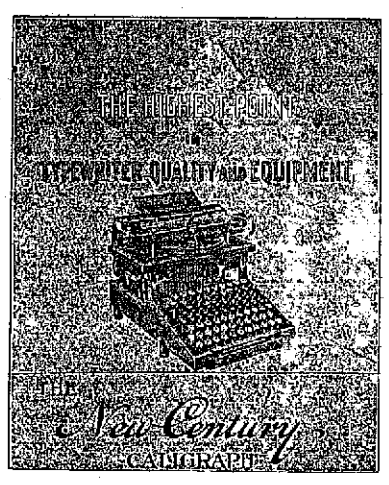

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Just for Fun.

I have purchased a large stock of Ping Pong and Croquet sets, beautiful hammocks and a new line of books and novels by the most popular authors.

Ping Pong is the popular game just at present. Come in and buy a set for the amusement of the young people.

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We sell one piece of

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Each week at auction. Watch our window Friday and Saturday.

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We are agents for Eastman's Kodaks in this section. Our prices are as low as anywhere.

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HARRY J. BACKUS,
Editor and Prop'r.

Announcements.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for the office of County Commissioner of McKean county, subject to the decision of the Democratic party.

W. P. WALSH.

Smethport, Pa., Feb. 20, 1902.

CONGRESS.

EDITOR MINER:—Kindly announce that I am a candidate for Representative in Congress from the Twenty-First Congressional district, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

S. R. DRESSER.

Bradford, Feb. 7, 1902.

Smethport, Thursday, May 29, 1902.

FOR CONGRESS,
S. R. DRESSER.
(Subject to district conference.)

FOR MEMBERS OF ASSEMBLY,
JOHN W. CAMPBELL.
C. M. McELROY.

FOR SHERIFF,
CHARLES E. MAYS.

FOR PROTHONOTARY,
SAMUEL L. BELL.

FOR TREASURER,
C. M. CLARK.

FOR CLERK OF COURTS,
JOHN H. EASTMAN.

FOR REGISTER OF WILLS AND RECORDER OF DEEDS,
WM. H. MORRISON.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY,
JOHN F. MELVIN.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
GEORGE GRIFFITHS.
JOHN A. PETERSON.

FOR COUNTY AUDITORS,
P. C. BARTLE.
OSCAR ENGSTROM.

CHAIRMAN of the Democratic State committee, William T. Creasy, has resigned, to take effect on the first day of June. Chairman Creasy is the Philadelphia member of the Democratic committee. Erie, of course, will be represented by Mike Delaney.

THE Democratic candidate for the 24th district Republican nomination for Congress in the new district composed of Center, Clearfield, McKean and Cameron counties, Clement Dale of Centre; W. C. Arnold, George Lukehart and Capt. A. H. Woodward of Clearfield, and S. R. Dresser of McKean. Cameron county will have no candidate and for that reason may be able to control the conference.—Philadelphia Times.

BRO. BACKUS of the MINER writes flippantly of Port Allegany as a city because of the Reporter's statement that hemlock bark is being hauled almost within the boundaries of the borough. The Cleveland Bros. have just finished cutting the hemlock timber from a much larger tract within the borough limits of Smethport, but the lack of the MINER man as a newsgatherer forbade him catching onto the fact. The conditions here connected with the stripping of this tract are interesting.—Reporter. The above is thoroughly in keeping with the Reporter's idea of news, inasmuch as there is not a word of truth in it. The MINER is publishing an "Ancient History" column and when the early 70's are reached the cutting of the last stick of timber within the borough limits of Smethport will be recorded. A careful inquiry fails to disclose the fact that the "Cleveland Bros. have just finished cutting the hemlock timber" from any tract in this vicinity. For a "city" newspaper the Reporter is most unreliable.

THE editor of the Democrat asserts that the MINER is an apologist for the very efficient superintendent of the poor farm. This is not so. Mr. Ryan needs no apologist. His business-like and economical administration of poor district affairs speaks for itself. We merely stated a plain and unvarnished fact, that the Democrat's attack on Mr. Ryan was on account of the personal animosity of its editor toward the popular superintendent. It is the well-known nature of the Democrat's editor. He is most bitter when he has a spite against a man in public position. Then he can avert the consequences of the libel laws by making that man's official acts the ground for attack and by base insinuations and distortion of facts make a veritable rogue of the most honest man. We challenge the editor of the Democrat to deny that his attacks on the Hon. Thomas D. Nash, on T. F. Hungtville and on A. M. Boardman were actuated by other than personal animosities, pure and simple. There are others known to the writer, but we mention these at this time. The Democrat also says: "We assume that the editor of the MINER has the same facilities for getting at facts as does the editor of the Democrat." Very true, but when the MINER publishes facts, it publishes facts only, without enlargement or distortion. And when facts are wanted we do not go to an ingrate whose mode of "getting even" is by traducing his supporters. Can the Democrat say as much? The Democrat speaks of "a threatened exposure, which we propose to make so strong that the board of county commissioners who will be elected next November will find it impossible to ignore the charges." That is just it. "Which we propose to make so strong" betrays the animus of the Democrat and its intention to live up to its previous record and perfectly bears out our argument.

Decoration Day Excursion.

On Decoration Day, Friday, May 30, the Pennsylvania Railroad company will run a special low-rate excursion to Buffalo and Niagara Falls. Round-trip tickets, good going only on train indicated, and good returning on all regular trains stopping at stations named, May 30 and 31, but not good in Pullman sleeping or parlor cars, will be sold at rates indicated:

Emporium, 8:30 a. m., $2.50; Shippen, 8:42 a. m., $2.50; Austin (B. & S. R. R.), 8:55 a. m., $3; Keating Summit, 9:04 a. m., $2.50; Ulysses (C. & P. A. R. R.) 7:20 a. m., $3; Newfield Junction, 7:37 a. m., $3; Gold, 7:44 a. m., $3; Colesburg, 8:04 a. m., $3; Condersport, 8:28 a. m., $2.75; Port Allegany, 9:25 a. m., $2.25; Turtle Point, 9:34 a. m., $2.25; Clermont, 8:57 a. m., $2.50; Colegrove, 9:01 a. m., $2.50; Crosby, 9:03 a. m., $2.50; Smethport, 9:14 a. m., $2.25; Farmers Valley, 9:22 a. m., $2.25; Lafayette, 9:35 a. m., $2.15; Eldred, 9:53 a. m., $2; Ellis Mills, 10:04 a. m., $1.90; Portville, 10:12 a. m., $1.75; Bolivar (P. S. & N. R. R.), 7 a. m., $2; Little Genesee (P. S. & N. R. R.), 7:15 a. m., $2; Genesee, 7:30 a. m., $2. Arriving at Buffalo, 12 (P. M.) to Niagara Falls, 1 P. M.

Children between 5 and 12 years of age half fare.

Reduced Rates to Minneapolis.

On account of the National Meeting, Degree of Rebekahs at Minneapolis, Minn., June 3 to 6, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from all stations on its lines to Minneapolis or St. Paul, May 31 to June 2, good to return not earlier than June 3, and not later than June 9, at single reduced rates. These tickets will be good for return passage only when executed by Joint Agent at St. Paul or Minneapolis and payment of 25 cents made for this service. Persons desiring to visit Yellowstone Park, Pacific coast points, or other points in the West during the summer should communicate at once with or write J. R. Wood, General Agent, 298 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y.

No Excess Fare

Over the Nickel Plate road. Elegant vestibuled trains, consisting of Pullman sleeping cars, dining cars serving meals a la carte, coaches of latest pattern, and parlor cafe cars, are run on the Nickel Plate road between Buffalo and Chicago. Take advantage of all classes of passenger service that can be offered by any railroad. Many excursions to points and through the West during the summer. See nearest agent or write F. J. Moore, General Agent, 291 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Excursions to San Francisco and Portland.

May 15 to June 7, the Nickel Plate will sell tourist round trip tickets from Buffalo, N. Y., to San Francisco or Portland and return, at rate of $72.10 from either point. Tickets return final limit sixty days. See nearest agent or write F. J. Moore, Genl. Agt., 291 Main St., Buffalo N. Y., or C. C. Lowry, T. P. A., Holland, N. Y.

Low Rates to Denver, Salt Lake, Etc.

June 1st to September 15th, inclusive, the Nickel Plate will sell special low-rate round trip excursion tickets to points in Colorado, Utah and South Dakota, returning any time to Oct. 31st, 1902. See nearest ticket agent, or write F. J. Moore, Genl. Agt., 291 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y., or C. C. Lowry, T. P. A., Holland, N. Y.

Special Election Notice.

Resolved by the Town Council of the Borough of Smethport that there be given

NOTICE

To the Electors of the Borough of Smethport of a Special Election to be held on Tuesday, June 24th, 1902 as per following

ORDINANCE NO. ——

Entitled an Ordinance to establish a public or trunk sewer in Mill and Willow streets, and provide for the cost of constructing the same:

Be it ordained by the Burgess and Town Council of the borough of Smethport, in the county of McKean, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained by authority of same:

Section 1. To conserve the health of the inhabitants of the borough of Smethport and at the proper cost and expense thereof, it is hereby ordained that a public or trunk sewer shall be constructed and laid in Mill and Willow streets, to begin at the junction of Center and Mill streets, thence running down Mill and Willow streets to these at end of Willow street and thence connecting for outlet into Marvin creek at or near five hundred feet east of the east end of Willow street, all within said borough, according to the plans and specifications prepared by Paul Lyon, engineer.

Section 2. To provide for the cost and expense of constructing such public or trunk sewer, the Town Council desires to increase the indebtedness of said borough of Smethport in the sum of three thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the cost of such construction (which sum will increase the indebtedness of said borough to more than two, but to less than seven per centum of the last assessed valuation thereof), provided the assent of the electors of said borough can be had to such increase of indebtedness, at an election to be held, as shall be hereafter prescribed by resolution of the Council and notice to the electors.

JOHN W. VOORHEES,
President of Council.

Attest:
LELLIE T. COLEGROVE,
Clerk of Council.

Approved this 7th day, of May, A. D. 1902.
F. W. BROWNELL,
Chief Burgess.

For the purpose of obtaining such assent, there is hereby proclaimed an election to be held in due form by the legally constituted officers, at the usual place of holding the elections in said borough, upon the twenty-fourth day of June, A. D 1902, between the hours of seven a. m. and seven p. m.

The Clerk of the Council is directed to insert a notice embodying a copy of the foregoing ordinance in the MCKEAN COUNTY MINER and in the McKean Democrat, weekly newspapers published in said borough, once a week during the thirty days prior to the day of said election, and in order to give the information and notice required by law, the following statement is declared:

The amount of the last assessed valuation of the taxable property in said borough is	$928,700.00
The existing debt of the said borough is—funded	5,500.00
—floating (over assets)	105.83
Making a total present indebtedness of	$5,605.83

The percentage of the actual net increase in the indebtedness of said $3,000.00 is ascertained to be one and 30-100 of one per cent. of the valuation of said borough.

The said proposed increase of indebtedness of $3,000.00, if authorized by the electors of said borough, is intended to be used wholly, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to defray the cost of constructing the sewer provided in section one of the foregoing ordinance.

JOHN W. VOORHEES,
President of Council.

Attest:
LELLIE T. COLEGROVE,
Clerk of Council.

Approved this 20th day of May, A. D. 1902.
F. W. BROWNELL,
Chief Burgess.

OLEAN'S BIG DEPARTMENT STORE
BELL BROS.

Carpet Department.

The record of our Carpet department is excellent. Far and wide this section of our store is favorably known. It numbers among its staunchest friends, thousands of housewives who always want but the best. The next ten days we are going to give those who have been putting off their carpet buying, values that will make us long remembered. Our carpet stock is the largest in Southwestern New York and we are prepared to fill any order, whether it be to carpet a large hotel or a single room in a private dwelling.

Special For This Week.

One Lot of Brussels carpet, five different colorings, all good styles, regular 65c a yard for 39c a yard

One Lot of Brussels carpet, the 70c kind, for 50c. Best of all styles and you will like the colorings.

One Lot of velvet carpets, just the kind for parlors and libraries, large assortment of handsome colorings to select from, regular 85c quality, special for 72½c

One Lot of Japanese and China straw mattings that the importer has to realize on at once, at 10, 12½, 15, 25 and 29 cents a yard.

We wish to especially call your attention to our Sanitary Mattings, which we sell at 35c a yard. This kind always sold for 50c.

Smethport Bicycle Shop,

SIDNEY H. BROUGHAM, Prop.

Dealer in

Bicycles and Sundries of all kinds.

Repairing done and work guaranteed. Wheels to rent by day or hour. Those wishing wheels for Sunday will please speak for them on Saturday.

cor. FRANKLIN and WATER STS.

Opposite Bottling Works. - - - Smethport, Pa.

Remember

always that it is cheaper to build a warm house than heat a cold one.

"Standard Asbestos Roofing makes a fire, acid and water proof roof. All the materials entering into its composition are strictly mineral, hence permanently durable. There is no Roofing made that will equal it.

"Brooks Brand" Sheathing—better than any building paper made. Brown Roof Cement, aided by our Roofing paint will make old, leaky tin and iron roofs serviceable for many years.

We have the agency of the largest manufacturer of asbestos products in the world. Come in and let us give you prices.

How about an instantaneous hot water heater, a first class hot plate or gas range?

The Palmer Plumbing Co

UNION 'PHONE 24.
REILLY BLOCK. Smethport.

Headquarters for

Croquet Sets,

Jardeniers,

Flower Pots.

The most beautiful line to be found in town,

Prices in keeping with my other very low prices.

Mary L. Bisett,

Rubin Block.
Smethport, Pa.

DENTISTRY.

Modern, scientific and up-to-date.

Painless extraction of teeth. Over 25 years' experience.

Satisfaction guaranteed.

DR. F. C. PIERCE,
Smethport, Pa.

When we say fresh we mean fresh—F R E S H. You want no other kind. If you buy of us you will get no other. Just now we are getting in daily

Lettuce, Spinach,
Celery, Tomatoes,
Onions, Radishes,
Cabbage, Apples,
Bananas, Oranges, &c.

We offer the finest Erie Danver Onion Sets at 11c. qt. while they last. We have the largest line of Field and Lawn Grass Seed. Our Grass Seed are of the choicest kind only. Try us for Timothy, Medium, Mammoth, Hlsike and White Clover.

SHEPARD & CALLUP,
The Leading Grocers.

EXTREMES MEET

sometimes. The comfort or discomfort of the feet affects the head—and the health.

Fit the feet to fit the season, the occasion and occupation.

Oxfords for Warm Weather.
Stout Shoes for Wet Weather.
Special Shoes for Special Uses.

Suitable shoes for all feet and all purposes here. The styles are correct, the quality excellent and the price—all right.

Anderson & Carlson
SMETHPORT PA.

DECORATION DAY

IN MEMORY OF OUR VOLUNTEERS

THE HEROES OF 61-98

The day we honor or soldier dead is at hand. The day when with loving hands we strew flowers on the last camping ground of our departed heroes. The American soldier is a messenger of liberty to the captive and of peace to the Nation. Every old soldier will want to spruce up a bit for Decoration Day, and we are here to help him do it.

Special low prices on G. A. R. Uniforms, Hats, Wreathes & Cords. We guarantee that our garments and our prices shall both be satisfactory. You are sure to do a little better here than elsewhere. Come, see.

H. W. RUBIN & Co.,

THE TERHUNE MADE SHOE.

MERCHANT TAILORS, CLOTHIERS & FURNISHERS.

D. C. YOUNG

Announces reduction in price of spring and

DRESS GOODS.

Ladies, Dimities and Percales reduced from 12½ and 15c to 10c per yard.

Pieces that were being sold at 10c are now selling for 7c per yard.

All Remnants and short ends sold at cost to close out.

All Women's Misses' and Children's Slippers at cost to make room for new goods just received.

Call and look over my stock and secure bargains before it is too late.

D. C. YOUNG,

SMETHPORT, PA., May 26, 1902.

Spring Styles

FOR MEN AND BOYS

The Spring Season of Nineteen Hundred and Two finds us elegantly equipped in Styles, Workmanship and Material for the demands of our Patrons and we are ready for your Spring and Summer Orders at once

Satisfactory Work Guaranteed

You should visit our establishment look over the samples and styles and make your selection now. While they are not necessarily "loud" our clothes "speak for themselves."

Shillenn & Torrence,

The Leading Tailors,

Chadwick Block. Smethport.

AT.....

J. Colegrove's

CAN BE FOUND A FULL LINE OF GROCERIES.

Chase & Sanborn's Celebrated Boston Coffee. Ask for F. S. Flour and take no other "just as good."

Try our English Breakfast Tea.

All goods delivered promptly.

Try us on your next week's groceries.

J. COLEGROVE.
106 East Main Street.

The Plain Facts About the Suits At $10.

What do you want know about the suit you intend to buy?

The Value?—these are worth fully $15—and look to be worth more.

The Fabrics?—Serges, Cassimeres, Cheviots, Flannels—practically any $15 fabric a man can want.

The Styles?—This season's best—plain colors, quiet mixtures, sporty patterns all rich and dressy.

The Fit?—Cut with square, well-formed shoulders, full and shapely body; trousers to hang straight; a SUIT that fits—a suit that IS and STAYS shapely—yet only $10.

Top Coats of the same high standard, $10.

IKE SIMONS

46-48 Main St. BRADFORD. The Big Double Clothing Store.

Full Line of Negligee Shirts Now Open.

Standard Patterns. We Have Exclusive Sale.

F. G. Lindholm & Co.

Queen Quality. The Famous Shoe for Women. We have the sole agency for Smethport.

SUMMER **SILKS** REDUCED

Somewhat more than 250 yds of Silks of the most popular Weaves and Styles for summer wear are marked to-day at

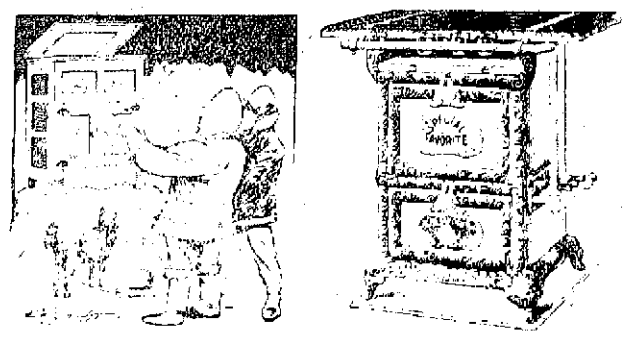
PRICES A FOURTH TO A THIRD LESS

than they have been selling for right along. Why reduce prices now? Why not wait until the end of June? Because it is our policy to give you good things when they are wanted. The following are a few examples of the special offerings:

50C	CORDED JAPANESE WASH SILKS	37 1-2C
85C	WHITE HABUTAI 27 IN. WIDE	65C
$1.00	FOULARD DRESS PATTERNS	75C
75C	" " "	50C
50C	" " "	37 1-2C
$1.50	BLACK SILK GRENADINES	$1.10
1.00	" " "	75C

Carpets This has been the largest spring business we have ever had. Yet we have on hand many patterns in all lines and rather than carry these over to another season we will close them out now at reduced prices. Spaceless not permit us to quote prices. We make all Carpets free.

F. G. Lindholm & Co.



Your Credit Is Perfectly Good.

For any GAS RANGE or REFRIGERATOR we have. Make us a small cash payment and agree to pay us a small weekly payment and we will place in your home one of our best GAS RANGES or REFRIGERATOR and charge you no more for it than if you paid us cash. Come in and talk it over with us.

Redfield's Hardware.

McKean County Miner

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second class mail matter.

Smethport, Thursday, May 29, 1902

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Read Bell Bros.' ad

—See new advertisement of Palmer Plumbing Co.

—The Port Allegany band will furnish music for to-morrow's parade.

—Don't fail to attend the benefit ball at the hose house to-morrow night.

—It is feared that the cold weather this week has done great damage to fruit and other crops.

—Smethport was afflicted with the novelty of a May snow storm Wednesday morning.

—The firemen were busy the first of the week, three alarms being sounded within twenty-six hours.

—Kane has organized a base ball team which will open the season in Johnsonburg to-morrow afternoon.

—E. W. Peterson of the Dairy Kitchen Cafe wen the sincere thanks of the fire fighters Tuesday night by serving them with refreshing drinks.

—"Ike" Simons, the popular Bradford clothier, has a change of advertisement this week. When in Bradford call on "Ike." His stock is new and stylish.

—Gaskin & Grant are constantly adding to the stock of their store and news stand. Fresh vegetables are now on sale and a complete line of confectionery received.

—D. C. Young has a new ad in today's issue to which your attention is directed. This reliable establishment requires no "puff." Goods and prices are right.

—The Camp glass factory will close for the summer next Saturday. The present fire has been a successful one as little time was lost owing to breakdowns, etc.

—A dispatch to the Bradford Star of Tuesday announces the death of Augustus W. Ferrin at Salamanca. Mr. Ferrin, in company with others, founded the Bradford Era in 1877.

—At St. Luke's church on next Sunday, the Rev. Albert T. Keane, Vicar of Little Addington, Northampton, England, will officiate. Services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. and 8 p. m.

—C. A. Burdick wishes to sincerely thank the hose boys for their efficient service at the burning of his barn and for their successful efforts to save his dwelling house from destruction.

—Rev. P. S. Calvin's subject Sunday morning at the Baptist church is, "The Great Gift." In the evening at 8 o'clock the subject will be, "Immersion, the Only Baptism." The ordinance of baptism will be administered at the close of this service.

—We perceive a remarkable activity in the circulation of the Bradford Era. Before the subscription list was closed it had reached the 3000 mark, and is now in a healthy and prosperous condition.

—The Star Bottling Co. have issued a complimentary invitation to their official opening on the ghost on Monday last. Herman Tull was a member of the Lebanon team in this league.

—Summer term of school at Warner's Business College begins June 2. Those intending to take a Commercial or Shorthand course should see him before going elsewhere. His students succeed.

—Members of the glass working fraternity are organizing a base ball team which is expected to trim any similar aggregation in this part of the country. There are several first class ball players employed in the factories and the club should be a strong one.

—"A tour around the world" is offered to all, starting next Monday evening, June 2nd, from Epworth chapel at 8 o'clock, conducted by the M. E. S. S. girls. Trains leave every fifteen minutes. Stop over privileges and meals served at Greenland, Italy, France, Java and Klondike. Tickets, 25 cents. Side trips to cyclorama and gypsy camp, 5 cents extra. Proceeds for piano fund.

—In order to avoid a repetition of previous experiences the county commissioners have appointed fire wardens in all of the townships of McKean, where there is timber standing of considerable quantity, to prevent forest fires from spreading and gaining material headway. The wardens will receive a fee of $10 and additional remuneration for the time employed in fighting fires.—Bradford Era.

—A number of Smethport Masons are in attendance at the Consistory meeting at Coudersport this week. The class taking degrees is composed of about thirty members, among whom are Rev. J. H. McCandless and Supt. T. H. Ryan of Smethport and Mack Windsor of Clermont. Those from Smethport who visited Coudersport during the week are Rev. J. H. McCandless, Supt. T. H. Ryan, Dr. E. R. Baker, W. H. Morrison, W. A. Andorfer, Ghordis Oviatt, Guy Mayo, F. D. Gallup, Geo. W. Mitchell, O. J. Hamlin and H. L. Backus.

—The memorial services at the M. E. church last Sunday were well attended and the manner in which they were conducted is the source of many praiseworthy remarks. The sermon delivered by the pastor, Rev. G. H. Patterson, was a masterly address and will echo long in the memory of his hearers. Speaking of Rev. Patterson, the MINER wishes to congratulate the congregation of the Methodist church on their good fortune in having a pastor so popular and competent. Not only as a minister of the gospel, but as a citizen, Mr. Patterson is a gentleman who is a credit and help to any community

—Miss McGill one of the efficient teachers in our schools, has opened a summer school of five weeks at East Smethport. Miss McGill was formerly a teacher in this place and the interest shown by parents and children, speak well of her former success.

—William Tobin was placed in jail Tuesday night on a charge of jumping a board bill. Yesterday morning he was given a hearing before Justice Knapp and held in the sum of $100 bail for his appearance at court. Constable Gardner Callen made the arrest in Brockville after visiting DuBois and Falls Creek in search of his man. A glass blower named Miller is the complainant.

Decoration Day Program.

Following is the program for Decoration Day in this borough:

PARADE.

The parade will form under the direction of the marshal on Main street, right resting on Church, at 2 o'clock p. m.

ROUTE—Main street to Nelson, to Cemetery, return, Cemetery to Mechanic, to Main, to Court House.

EXERCISES.

CEMETERY—Exercises by the Post. Strewing of Flowers.

COURT HOUSE—Prayer, Rev. G. H. Patterson. Post Exercises. Music, Smethport Glee Club. Oration, Sheridan Gorton, Esq. Music, Smethport Glee Club. Benediction, Rev. P. S. Calvin.

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RESOURCES.

Cash on hand		$ 30993 04
Checks and other cash items		241 16
Due from Banks and Bankers		178909 81
Commercial and other Paper owned		211012 23
Time Loans upon Collateral		123847 75
Loans upon Bonds and Mortgages		105618 69
Investment securities owned, viz: Mortgages		38804 07
Real Estate, Furniture and Fixtures		16700 00
Overdrafts		830 59
		$748935 74

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in		$300000 00
Undivided Profits, less expenses and taxes paid		12368 60
Deposits, subject to check	$253032 00	
Deposits, Certificates	$303235 14	636907 14
		$749935 74

State of Pennsylvania, County of McKean, ss:

I, Ralph E. Burdick, Treasurer of the above named Company, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signed) RALPH E. BURDICK, Treasurer.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of May, 1902.

Signed, HALLIE A. WALKER, Notary Public.

(Notarial Seal.)

(Signed) HENRY HAMLIN, FRED D. GALLUP, JOHN CONRAD, Directors

PERSONAL MENTION.

E. L. Knapp visit'd Bradford Thursday.

Miss Ethel Evans has returned home from Austin.

C. E. Johnson of Warren had business in town Friday last.

Attorney E. L. Ryan had legal business in town Monday.

Editor Thos. McClellan of Mt. Jewett had business in town Monday.

A. D. Gould, editor of the Eldred Eagle, was in town on Monday.

Justice Carpenter and son of Lafayette were pleasant callers at this office on Monday.

Mrs. E. W. Strong of Austin is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Evans, on Back street.

A. D. Doyle of St. Marys, W. Va., visited in town several days last week. Mr. Doyle was called to his old home at Sartwell by the death of his mother.

John Brophy, who was recently severely injured in Kane, was greeting friends in town this week. He has nearly recovered from the effects of his accident.

James Blaine, Walter Hamilton, Shirley Hunter, Harry Moon, Jerome Neiding and Will Cook of Port Allegany were circulating among their friends here Sunday.

For the benefit of those desiring to attend the Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Pennsylvania, at Gettysburg, date fixed, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Gettysburg from all stations on its lines in the State of Pennsylvania, on May 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31, good to return until June 5, inclusive, at rate of a single fare for the round trip. For specific rates apply to local ticket agents.

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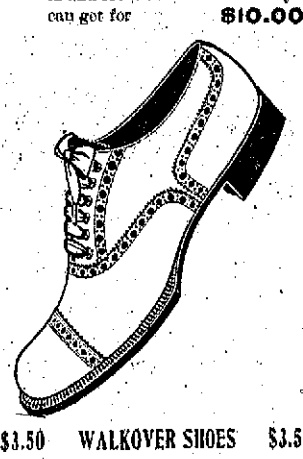

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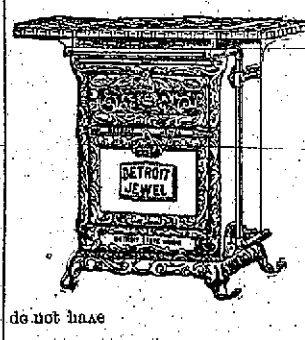

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ADRIFT

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PEGGY sat on the ancient, melancholy ruins of Brophy's wharf at play. She had found some pretty shells on the shore, and she was arranging them in fanciful patterns on the green cover of a book. It was quite amusing, but she suddenly remembered, with a start, that she was the wife of Senator Mallister.

This thought always gave her a thrill such as one feels at intervals after a great hazard. The senator was to her the most formidable of created things. She loved him as the savage loves his god during a thunderstorm. It was incredible to her that she had dared to marry him. Indeed she could say in the sight of heaven that she was not responsible. Her aunt had done it and had fled to Europe immediately afterward, as if afraid of the consequences.

In truth, Peggy was a mere child, a very modest child, much tormented by embarrassment and self depreciation, full of an old fashioned reverence for great personages, of whom the senator, partly because of his lofty stature and imposing countenance, seemed to her the chief. The wedding was in January, and July had come, but Peggy had not recovered from her fright.

The senator had bought a cottage in Castine, and they were spending the summer there.

Some one said "Peggy!" close behind her, and it startled her so that the little shells jumped on the green book. She turned and beheld Arthur Waring sitting in a canvas canoe which he had run up alongside the old pier.

"Arthur," she cried, "you frightened me half to death!"

"You have more than half killed me," he said, "so the balance is still in your favor. Peggy, why why why"—

He finished the sentence with a groan that rocked the canoe.

"I didn't know you were in town," said Peggy sweetly. "You must come up to the house. Senator Mallister will be very glad to see you. He is in Bar Harbor just now conferring with the secretary of state."

She paused to let these words sink into the young man's mind, but he was occupied with other matters.

"Peggy," he said, "we were very good friends last summer. Of course I don't blame you, but—but don't you think you ought to have given me some warning? The invitation to your wedding knocked the everlasting"—

He stopped there because the remainder of the sentence as he had fashioned it was dreadfully lacking in sentiment.

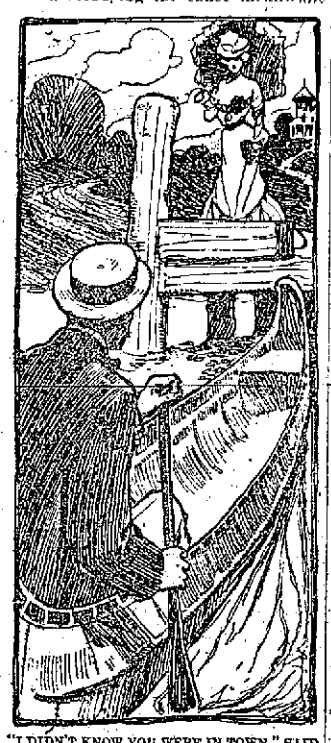
"I know you'd be surprised," she said, nodding at him like a bird on a bough.

He looked at her in rigid despair, his mouth a little open; then his teeth closed with a snap, and he said something incomprehensible that sounded like a deep groaning a bone. This seemed to afford him considerable relief, for his manner changed immediately.

"Come aboard, Peggy," said he. "I'll paddle down along the shore."

"I'd like to go," said Peggy, "but"—

Waring rose and took her by the hand, steadying the canoe meanwhile



"I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE IN TOWN," SAID PEGGY SWEETLY.

with great skill as she stepped aboard. When she was seated upon the deerskin Waring pushed the canoe backward until it passed the end of the old pier, where the beginning of the ebb was making delicate tracery upon the glassy water.

The young man laid his paddle across his knees and stared at Peggy without speaking a word. He was busy with his own sensations, which were not what he had supposed they would be. The picture of this occasion had presented itself to him a thousand times. He had fancied it a scene in a deep tragedy of the heart. But the realization was not tragic. Indeed it was hard work to keep it above the commonplace. Where were those fine speeches that he had imagined? Where was Peggy's remorse, which had always figured conspicuously in his account?

Of course the girl had made a mistake. She must have married from motives that are condemned in all the story books for social position, for the pretty fluery that goes with wealth. Yet there was no shadow of regret upon her brow; tears had not eroded her fair young cheeks.

Peggy experienced no more than the gratification of a child. A canoe was her delight. On this glorious day the light craft floated in a wondrous silence between two worlds, for the water was so clear that its surface vanished, and the dome of blue and white was as real below as above.

"We'd better go down stream," said Waring suddenly; "then we won't meet anybody."

Peggy looked scared. "I ought not to have come," she said in a hushed voice.

The situation suddenly became interesting to Waring. It took on the color

"WE'RE ADRIFT. THAT'S THE TRUTH ABOUT US."

of an escapade. He had spoken almost at random, but the fact that Peggy was frightened proved that the matter must be of consequence.

"I think you can afford to give me a few minutes, Peggy," he said. "It is very little in comparison with a whole lifetime."

"If anybody should see us!" Peggy began.

"Don't worry," he said sullenly. "I'll take her over to the other shore."

He began to paddle steadily with strokes that lifted the canoe and sent a thrill through its delicate structure. Peggy did not know what to do. Her mind swung like a pendulum, and at one moment this little excursion seemed a harmless pleasure and again it was a fatal indiscretion. Upon the whole, the second view gained ground until at last she was the prey of terror. If she had not been with Mr. Waring so frequently the previous summer, it would not be so bad, but to take advantage of her husband's first absence to go out upon the water alone with precisely the wrong man was obviously an unpardonable sin.

The canoe was going like a flying fish, and by the time Peggy reached the extremity of her terror Nautilus Island point, at the mouth of the harbor, was close at hand upon the port side.

"We must go back," said Peggy.

"Not for worlds," he replied. "Why should you be afraid? No one will ever know. We can have an hour or two upon the water, and then I can set you ashore so quietly"—

"I must have been crazy!" she exclaimed. "I am risking my whole life for absolutely nothing."

The canoe jumped about ten feet under the influence of the stroke which Waring gave. After the relief which this exertion afforded he was able to speak.

"So I am absolutely nothing to you?" he demanded.

"Goodness!" she exclaimed, "I should hope so. Why, Arthur, I'm married! You don't seem to understand the situation."

It is hard to say why this accusation, very childishly made, produced such an effect upon Waring, but somehow it struck him as the refinement of cruelty. It seemed to him in that instant as if he had done nothing for six months except to darkly meditate upon this very matter. Not understand it! The force that he put upon the paddle had in it the essence of a very hard word. Perhaps the paddle objected on conscientious grounds to being used as something to swear with. At any rate, it snapped short off.

Waring nearly went overboard with the shock.

"Never mind, Peggy," said he, straightening up and steadying the rocking canoe. "I have a spare"—

He stopped suddenly, his eyes staring downward into the canoe.

"Eternal heavens!" he cried. "Mill has forgotten it!"

"Mill" was the individual from whom the canoe was hired, the most careful and accurate man who ever fitted out a craft of any sort for the uses of the amateur boatmen. That he should have forgotten the spare paddle was nothing short of a miracle.

Waring sat up on his seat and shrugged his shoulders. Then he caressed his downy mustache with his left hand while he held the useless staff of the paddle in his right. And the ebb tide, which runs very strong at that point, was busy with the canoe.

"Is it very serious?" queried Peggy, who felt, but did not fully grasp, the situation.

"Peggy," said he, "we're adrift. That's the truth about us. The tide is running out, and what wind there is is offshore. We're going down the bay at the rate of about three knots."

"Can't we get some one to help us?" she asked.

He looked at her steadily.

"There isn't any one handy," said he, "and even if there were do you think we'd better call attention to ourselves? Peggy, you can't think how sorry, how deadly, terribly sorry, I am to have got you into this scrape."

Then indeed the girl saw what had happened. They were adrift, and they dared not call for help.

"It's a choice between a scandal and a watery grave," he said, laughing nervously. "I can stand up here and yell until somebody in the town or on the water may possibly hear me, but if one hears everybody will hear—eventually."

In Peggy's youthful mind a sentence was ringing like the sound of surf on a shore. "Be sure thy sin shall find thee out." She did not know where the sentiment came from, but it seemed to fit the situation precisely.

She looked around over the water. No craft was visible but the little steamer coming across from Long Island. She seemed to be rushing straight for them, and heaven only knew how many acquaintances might be aboard of her.

"Put your parasol over your left shoulder," said Waring. "Then they can't see your face. Confound them! They're going to shave us close, and I haven't any paddle. There's John Williams to the pilothouse. I know him from here, and he knows me. He wouldn't dare run so close to a canoe unless he knew who was handling her. If I should wave this broken paddle! But I dare not. He'd stop the steamer. Blast him!"

The steamer seemed to be swinging even closer. Waring became seriously alarmed lest the swell should upset the canoe, for he had no means of bailing her up to it.

"Peggy," he cried, "shall I yell to him?"

"No," she said, "[illegible] I would rather drown."

"There's some one up forward who's looking at us through a bull's eye glass," said Waring.

"Is there?" said Peggy, and she felt like thinking she put aside her parasol to see.

The steamer was [illegible] more than a cable's length away. Peggy saw the man with the field glass quite plainly. He had lowered it, and his face was clear in the light, and he was the senator on his way back from Bar Harbor.

Peggy uttered a faint, gasping cry and fell against the cushioned board.

"THIS IS ALL MY FAULT," SAID WARING.

while the parasol dropped over the rail. Waring made an attempt to seize it and nearly upset the canoe.

"We are lost!" he said, with the calmness of despair. "They'll know I'm disabled because I can't paddle after the parasol."

"The senator!" moaned Peggy.

The sound of a bell came over the water—a single stroke.

"They're slowing down," said Waring. "That is the end of us."

Again the bell sounded—one stroke and then two. As neatly as possible old John Williams brought the little steamer alongside the canoe. Waring stood up and took hold of the vessel's rail just as the stern face of Senator Mallister appeared over it.

"This is all my fault," Waring began before any one else could say a word.

"It isn't safe to go out without a spare paddle," said the senator. "Were you much frightened, poor little Peggy?"

Peggy uttered a faint sound that might have been "Yes," and then she burst into tears. Waring assisted her to rise, and she scaled the steamer's rail quite easily.

The senator soothed her tenderly, as if she had been a frightened child.

"This will teach you a lesson," he said. "When you go out with Mr. Waring again, you'll see that he has a spare paddle."

Peggy looked up at him with eyes that were round with wonder.

"I'm not going again," she sobbed, and then suddenly she clasped the senator's hand in both of hers and kissed it.

MOHAMMEDANS AT PRAYER

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The Mohammedan begins his prayer standing, with his hands outspread and his thumbs touching the lobes of his ears. In this position he repeats certain passages from the Koran, then bends his hands down to his girdle, feels them and recites several other passages from the same book. Next he kneels forward, rests both hands upon his knees and repeats three times with bowed head the formula of prayer to God, the most great. Then he rises and cries, "Allah hu akbar!" (God is great) sixteen times.

He then drops forward until his forehead touches the ground between his extended hands. He strikes his head upon the floor at least three times, proclaiming his humility, and often a dozen and sometimes twenty times the act will be repeated, according to his desire to show humility and repentance. He then returns to his knees and, sitting back upon his heels, repeats a ritual. Next, arising to his feet, he holds his hands and concludes the prayer, repeating over and again the words, "There is no god but God, and Mohammed is his prophet."

This may be repeated once or a dozen or forty times, according to the piety of the worshiper, and he holds a string of beads in his hands to keep tally. His obligations are then accomplished, but he can go through the same ritual again as many times as he likes. The more frequently he does so the better Moslem he is. His piety is measured by the number of times he repeats his prayers, and, like the Pharisees of the Scriptures, he prays in public places. No matter where he happens to be or by whom he is surrounded, whether at labor in the fields or selling goods in his shop or however he may be employed, the Mussulman never forgets to pray when the voice of the muezzin reminds him that the hour for devotion has arrived.

NOT SO VERY GREEN.

The Florida Man Rather Upsets Matters Up With the New Yorker.

When the young man from Florida came to live in New York, he woke up one morning last winter, and, going to the window, he looked out on what was to him a novel scene. It was a snowstorm, the first he had ever seen.

Jumping into his clothes, he ran into the street. He stooped and gathered handfuls of snow and threw them in the air. He jumped into a drift and sent it flying with his feet. He finally lay down and rolled in it, all the time shouting and laughing at the top of his voice.

One of the crowd which he had gathered to watch his antics went up to him and told him how his mother used to curl fits and volunteered to try it on him.

"I haven't any fit," the young man said.

"What's the matter with you, then?"

"Why, don't you see the snow?"

"Yes, I see it. What of it? I have seen it before."

"Well, I haven't," said the Florida young man.

"What! You never saw snow before?" asked the astonished questioner.

"Never. Seems strange to you, don't it?"

"It beats any sample of verdancy I ever ran across."

"Oh, I don't know," mused the Florida cracker. "Did you ever see an alligator eating a nigger? No? Well, you are not so many after all. I have seen it many times." And, throwing a handful of snow down his shirt collar, he pursued his joyous gambols.—New York Mail and Express.

Quotation Marks.

Speaking of the use of quotation marks, the London Chronicle says:

But why all these inverted commas, "the silly trick of peppering pages with these uncouth bacilli?" You will find none of these bacilli in the Bible. Take this passage, chosen at random:

Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye inquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me; and again, a little while, and ye shall see me?

The modern compositor would set that passage between two brackets of inverted commas, for it is a quote within a quote. But it is beautifully clear as it stands, and among all Biblical misunderstandings no one, we think, has been misled by the absence of an inverted comma.

A Story of Browning.

Browning himself couldn't always explain his meaning at first reading. Dr. Furnivall, founder of the English Browning society, frequently consulted the poet as to the meaning of some passage in his works. "Bless me," Browning would say, "I really have forgotten what I did mean, and as I haven't got a copy of my works by me I really can't enlighten you. Just lend me the book, there's a good fellow. I'll look it over at my leisure and try to find out what was in my mind at the time."

Realization.

"We never realize the full value of a thing until we lose it," remarked the moralist.

"That's right," remarked the practical man, "especially if the thing lost was insured."—Philadelphia Press.

Timely.

Muggins—Youngpop is going to have his baby christened Bill.

Buggins—How strange.

Muggins—Oh, I don't know. He come on the first of the month.—Philadelphia Record.

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First and final account of W. J. Specht, Executor of the last Will and Testament of Margaret Dehn, deceased.

Second account of J. B. Steele and D. M. Buck, executors of the last Will and Testament of C. B. Whitehead, deceased.

First and final account of J. B. Fox, executor of the last Will and Testament of Patrick McNamara, deceased.

First and final account of David A. Parcells, Executor of the last Will and Testament of James P. Depuis, deceased.

First and final account of S. H. Cleveland and F. E. Cleveland, Administrators of the estate of Horace Cleveland, deceased.

First and final account of H. E. Allen, Administrator of the estate of David H. Rook, deceased.

First and final account of J. D. Wescott, Administrator of the estate of W. H. Wescott, deceased.

First and final account of J. B. Fox, Administrator of the estate of Margaret H. Hughes, deceased.

First and final account of E. A. Boyne, Administrator of the estate of Curtis H. Foster, deceased.

First and final account of A. W. Peterson, Administrator of the estate of Andrew Pearson, deceased.

First and final account of Sarah E. Hoyt, Administratrix of the estate of W. S. Hoyt, deceased.

First and final account of Walter J. Russell, Administrator of the estate of Elmer L. Ervin, deceased.

First and final account of Mary A. Davis and William H. Pettit, Administrators of the estate of John S. Davis, deceased.

First and final account of F. D. Wood, Administrator of the estate of E. W. Cooper, deceased.

First and final account of Hattie L. Luther, Administratrix of the estate of Effie L. King, deceased.

First and final account of Edgar D. Preston, Administrator of the estate of George H. Preston, deceased.

First and final account of Lettie Seymour, Administratrix of the estate of George W. Thornton, deceased.

First and final account of E. H. Watkins, Administrator of the estate of Rachael M. Foster, deceased.

First and final account of Edwin L. Taft, Guardian of Jessie F. Hazelton, minor child of Benjamin F. Hazelton, deceased.

First and final account of F. A. Curtiss, Guardian of Alice C. Bronson, minor child of W. W. Bronson, deceased.

First and final account of J. B. Fox, Guardian of James Reardon, minor child of Catherine and John Reardon, deceased.

First and final account of Thomas Mandeville Guardian of Fred Davis, minor child of Agnes Davis, deceased.

First and final account of James H. Buck, Guardian of Elroy J. Brown, minor child of Herbert E. Brown, deceased, by Rose Ind Buck, Administratrix of James H. Buck, deceased.

First and final account of James H. Buck, Guardian of Herbert E. Brown, minor child of Herbert E. Brown, deceased, by Rose Ind Buck, Administratrix of said James H. Buck deceased.

GEORGE W. MITCHELL, Register.
H. M. CHOATE, Deputy.
Smethport, Pa., May 9th, 1902.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 28, December Term, 1901.

MCKEAN COUNTY, ss: THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Willis E. McKay did, on the 9th day of October, 1901, prefer his petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Emily F. McKay.

We therefore command you, the said Emily F. McKay, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas to be held for the county of McKean, on the first Monday of June next to answer the petition or libel of Willis E. McKay, and show cause, if any you have, why the said Willis E. McKay, your husband, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy.

WILLIAM B. CLARKE, Sheriff.
Smethport, Pa., May 6, 1902.
Brown & Schoonmaker, Libellant's Attorneys.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 111, Dec. Term, 1901.

MCKEAN COUNTY, ss.—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Alice Mary McNamara did on the 8th day of November, 1901, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, John J. McNamara.

We therefore command you, the said John J. McNamara that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean on the first Monday of June next, to answer the petition or libel of Alice Mary McNamara and show cause, if any you have, why the said Alice Mary McNamara, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

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WILLIAM B. CLARKE, Sheriff.
Smethport, Pa., May 6, 1902.
C. E. Judd, Libellant's Attorney.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 65, December Term, 1901.

MCKEAN COUNTY, ss:—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Edith L. Scobey did, on the 23rd day of October, 1901, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said County, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, William C. Scobey.

We therefore command you, the said William C. Scobey, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean, on the first Monday of June next to answer the petition or libel of Alice L. Scobey and show cause, if any you have, why the said Alice L. Scobey, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

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FOR THE HONOR OF A PRINCESS

By F. K. Scribner

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The Duke de Biart, a nobleman of ancient ancestry and a young man of great accomplishments, had disappeared from the court and with him the Princess Alice. It was known to the king that the duke had sought to be a churchman, being of gloomy mind and much given to moodiness. But Henry, having small desire to see so great a nobleman turn monk, had played right skillfully the dark eyes of his royal Rhaswoman against the church.

Strange it was that the duke had not bided his time until the king were ready for a royal wedding. As for me, humble lieutenant of the musketeers that I am, I knew, that the princess loved him not, for I had been chosen by his majesty to guard her person and saw her daily. Right well I knew—But that belongs not in this story.

The most important thing was that my king had bidden me, in great secrecy, to choose but one follower and with him to ride to the duke's chateau at M——.

The honor of the princess rested in my hand, of which fact Paris must not know.

It was an hour past midnight when I, with the Chevalier de Rossel at my side, rode forth from Paris. De Rossel was in cheerful mood.

"Zounds!" said he, snapping his fingers briskly. "Methinks this Duke de Biart hath o'ershot the mark. Plotting was bad enough, yet he must needs having ridden with his princess beyond the walls, lay violent hands upon her person. Had he but waited, the king's power had given her to him."

To my mind it seemed the thought no more must be had of the princess, once she were in the power of the duke, for then would the king's power be unable to make the noble and royal princess to the king. For me—

The duke's dwelling by some leagues was near. So the first dawn overtook us as we rode from the forest which surrounded the chateau on three sides. The place was of some strength, for it was the desire of the king's grandfather, so perchance some obstacle might be encountered ere we gained entrance.

But upon our reaching the entrance to the dwelling we found it guarded most poorly enough. For the gates stood unbarred the door, the day being fair upon us. Moreover, I perceived he was no other than one who had served the king as a musketeer of the guard.

Seeing me, he stood upon his dignity, talking with much pomposity, for a herald in any dispute that took place in princess.

"Thou" replied I, "art come from Paris at a most early hour. The duke is yet abed. [illegible] with those who serve [illegible] only."

"What now?" cried De Rossel. "Is [illegible] stricken?"

"Not so," replied the watchman fell [illegible] the duke hung before him on the saddle and hath given her in charge of the women, bidding them look to it she commit no injury upon her person."

"Came they alone?" asked I.

"Only the two," replied he. "Art from the King?"

De Rossel plucked my sleeve. "'Twas told in Paris," said he, "the duke's housewoman had lost her wits, and 'tis be royal pleasure we learn concerning or condition. It is the purpose of his majesty to send his leech to cure her f occasion warrants it."

The fellow nodded. "The duke is much in favor with the king," said he. "Would see the woman who guards the maid?"

De Rossel cast upon me a look of triumph. "'Twere most fitting," replied e, "for, the hour being early, 'twere ill thing to arouse the duke, thy aster."

"'Tis a most strange thing," mutter d De Rossel as we followed the servant through the long and dimly lighted orridor, "beyond comprehension, and methinks there comes a queer twist to ur errand. Either this duke he drunk r truly mad; therefore look to it, M. e Marc, that no trap be set for us."

Presently we came unto the door of chamber, and the servant drew back, gnifying 'twas the room wherein was ondined the princess.

"Go thou," said De Rossel gruffly, hou hast done thine errand." And put in the fellow's palm a silver ece.

"I will remain here," said he, the an being gone, "and if any come to now our business I will deal with im." So saying, he unsheathed his word and took his stand beside the or, upon which I knocked softly.

A voice from within demanded who ught admittance at so early an hour, hen 'twas small courtesy to disturb a dy's quiet.

I replied that I bore a message from duke which brooked of no delay, ereupon a bolt was withdrawn, the r partly opened, and the face of a man appeared.

a the dim light she noted not my rson, but demanded irritably that I liver the message quickly and he- e, but I, placing my knee against e half closed door, thrust it back with ch force that the woman was thrown the floor, where she lay stunned.

"'Tis the antechamber to the inner om," said De Rossel, peering over shoulder. "Go in. I will look to wench that she make no outcry."

Pushing the heavy draperies guarding the entrance to the inner chamber ide, I entered without ceremony, en paused, for the princess was before me.

Aroused by the sound of voices in antechamber she had risen from a ch and confronted me. The half ht touched her with a glow soft as onlight, revealing the white ness of skin, the gentle curve of her throat and neck and the veiled splendor of the soft, dark eyes.

"My lord," said she, "what means this intrusion? 'Tis but poor courtesy which sends that letter when I would be alone."

She took me for the Duke de Biart. The shadow of the draperies concealed my features, and I, being somewhat the size of the nobleman, the mistake was easy. I took a step toward her, the gleam of my felt flashing in the light. She started, her hand going to a little toy dagger which lay upon the table at her side. Suddenly the color which had risen to her cheeks died away, her lips parted and her hand went to her heart.

"M. de Marc," she cried, "M. de Marc, 'tis thou! Thou will save me from this soldiman!"

"Princess," I replied, "none shall harm thee. The king hath sent me to take thee back to Paris."

She smiled softly, laying her hand upon my arm. "Brave M. de Marc," cried she, "would I might!"—

The voice of De Rossel checked her words. His face appearing between the curtains.

"Look to thyself, De Marc!" he cried.

A cry from the princess made me turn sharply. Beyond the circle of light where the dark canopy of the bed met the wall I saw an evil figure, cloaked and booted, plumed hat upon head and naked blade in hand. 'Twas the Duke de Biart, who had entered noiselessly through a secret passage in the wall.

His eyes were fixed upon me in mute astonishment, nor methinks he recognized in the intruder the princess' chamber the king's musketeer.

As I wavered, my hand upon the hilt, he advanced slowly, his eyes still fixed upon my face.

"Sir," said he very softly, "what would you with this lady?"

The princess crept to my side. "Brave M. de Marc," she whispered, "trust him not." A sudden thrust—

"Sir," cried the duke a second time, "what is thy business?"

"At the king's command," replied I quietly.

"At the good king," he sneered. "We were to have fought. Want of courage—"

De Rossel stepped across the threshold. "The princess cried," he whispered; "prepare, Beware, De Marc!"

The sight of him changed the duke's mood.

"Because!" he cried, then of a sudden he lunged at me with his sword.

As the sword drawn from the prick he gave me in the shoulder appeared upon the face of my collar the princess cried out and De Rossel pressed forward.

Angered by the wound, I made to thrust my opponent through, the body, but De Rossel thrust my point aside.

"Would'st slay a madman?" he cried. "There is another way."

Even as he spoke my point, being turned from its true aim, pierced the duke's shoulder. He started back, a wondrous change coming over him. The God light in his eyes died out, the [illegible] of blood deserted the [illegible] With a bewildered gesture he passed his hand across his eyes.

"By God," he muttered, "what thing is this?"

Suddenly, before I could intervene, he threw himself upon his knees before the princess.

"Madame," cried he, "'tis the curse upon my race. 'Twas for that I sought to be a churchman."

A look of great pity came to the lady's eyes. "My lord," said she, "thou art forgiven. The king"—

"The king!" cried he. "I cannot meet the king!"

With a cry of terror he gained his feet and sought blindly for his sword. I thought he would have set upon us and stood on guard, but 'twas against himself he turned the blade.

Quicker than thought he set the hilt against the wall, pressing the point upon his heart so the steel pierced through ere any could raise a staying hand.

De Rossel bent over the quivering body. "God's death!" he muttered. "'Tis a sorry thing. The madness of the Duke de Biart hath slain him." Then, turning to the princess, who leaned half fainting against my shoulder, spoke he:

"Madame, the horses await below and the king in Paris. Let us ride thither quickly. I warrant M. de Marc will soon become a nobleman."

But what care I for what the king might offer me? In the eyes of the princess I had read that which is not in the gift of kings.

Peasant Life in Moravia.

The days of the village fair were interesting. Peasants in curious quaint costumes came from every direction. It is rather embarrassing for an American to have men and women take his hand and kiss it. Nor did they seem one whit degraded thereby, says Donahoe's Magazine. All appeared to be happiness, comfort and contentment. The hard grind of American farm life was nowhere visible, but laughter and song, beer and wine made each day seem a fair day. Not once was any drunkenness observed, or any quarreling, or any loud, profane talk. A simple, God fearing people, well to do, comfortable in their homes, happy in their occupations, respectful, yet self respecting, their lives glided on, "darkened by shadows of earth, yet reflecting the image of heaven." Nowhere can you find a more ideal community than at Schloss Grussbach, in old Moravia.

How Wheat Came to Earth.

A classic account of the distribution of wheat over the primeval world shows that Ceres, having taught her favorite, Triptolemus, the art of agriculture and the science of breadmaking, gave him her chariot, a celestial vehicle, and that in it he traveled night and day, distributing this valuable bread grain among all nations of the earth.

Hard on His Brethren.

"Oh, well, my dear," observed he to his wife, "you will find that there are a great many worse men in the world than I am."

"How can you be so cynical, John?" replied his wife reproachfully.—Syracuse Herald.

TRAMPS' GATEPOST SIGNS

Explanations Which Will Help You to Understand Them.

The rude drawings hastily scrawled by wayfarers on some object that they have found the abode of a good or bad person that they have passed on the road, I have always looked upon as being very correct in being guided full of holes by some intrepid farmer. The outline of a dog of warlike proportions, with wild eyes and ferocious teeth, was wont to make me go breakfastless. My summer wardrobe was not in condition to allow of further mutilation. If I felt brave enough to kick a yelping cur, I scattered in recklessly at the gate which bore a portrait of a toy dog. Once past him one could usually get a bite.

A big round "O" did not make one wild to approach the premises it adorned. It generally portrayed a hostess with a nature of adamant. A single "X" stood for a cross saw, which with small manipulation might earn a meal. Two Xs made a tramp of none too vigorous a makeup go further down the road. It suggested considerable wood cutting in exchange for a meal.

The sign every tramp looks for anxiously is a crudely drawn table, with a lopsided coffee cup and a plate upon it. Beyond that gatepost dwells a sweet, simple, motherly soul who will welcome the most dilapidated hobo into her spotless kitchen and set before him a good square meal. She may sit beside him, inquiring as to the safety of his soul, and she may give him a mother's gentle advice or she may have a story to tell tearfully of a wayward boy lost somewhere in the great world, and all the fee she asks for her gracious hospitality is a simple request that in the wanderings of her guest he may look about for her absent boy and give him a loving message of a mother's longing and watching. Good Housekeeping.

DAIRY NOTES.

Good butter should look well from the time it is put upon the table.

Any experiment in the dairy room tends to lessen the profit.

Failing to get rid of the buttermilk, rot causes butter to lose its keeping quality.

To obtain the best possible results in the dairy, should be only skilled labor.

In winter the cream should be warmed up to about 60 degrees before churning in the churn.

Over-ripe cream will invariably result in strong or tainted butter.

The milk should always be skimmed while sweet and the cream then allowed to turn sourish.

Sometimes butter has white specks distributed through it. This is caused by cheesy matter in the cream.

In winter it is best to let the cows have the benefit of the sun's rays while they are eating in good condition.

Well-ripened cream must contain a good churning done at the right time the butter will be coarse and hard to evenly gathered.

On the farm to produce the best results the milk and cream should be kept in a cool, well ventilated room, away from the stable and should be fed to the cows fresh in the morning and soon after the last milking.—Rural Republic.

A Simple Remedy.

The weariness of some people is sad to see. A task to do is no more than to think about it, because with the smallest amount of enterprise or ingenuity would enable them to do it. Some ladies is illustrated by an incident reported in the Chicago Tribune of a family named Chuckster.

They had bought some new gas burners with pendles. For a week or two the light was satisfactory; then it grew dim and dimmer until Mrs. Chuckster sent for the gas fitter.

"It grows worse all the time," she explained.

"When was it put in?" asked the man.

"About a month ago."

"Ah, yes; I see."

Then he lifted the chimney off, took it out to the kitchen, washed it with soap and water, and the light burned as brightly as ever.

"Fifty cents," said the man.

An Argument For Social Frankness.

It is best to be sincere, as a family in Germantown recently found out. They had been entertaining a distinguished novelist from abroad who was not altogether acquainted with society's way of saying things it does not mean. The time came for her departure, and as the host was handing her to the carriage he said very courteously, "I am sorry you cannot stay longer."

To which came the unlooked for retort, "Oh, but I can!"

There was only one course open. The trunks were taken down, the carriage sent away, and, to the consternation of her hosts, the lady re-entered the house.—Philadelphia Times.

Red Snow.

In the arctic regions early explorers were astounded to find large areas of red snow, but the phenomenon is now familiar to men of science, who know that red snow, like a green garden fence, is due to the presence of unicellular algæ, the only difference being in the coloring matter of the protoplasm. It is said that acres of snow are frequently covered in a single night by these tiny plants.—Good Words.

The Climate.

"Don't you think you have a very changeable climate?" said the stranger.

"No," said the native. "It changes fast enough when it's pleasant, but when it's disagreeable it hangs on like grim death."—Washington Star.

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THE CATFISH ZONE.

And the Origin of the Philadelphia Habit of Catfish and Waffles.

While professors have been demonstrating the existence of the ice belt that stretches from the United States government to the salubrious biscuit district, they have been entirely oblivious of the extraordinary development of the catfish zone. This mischievous dweller of the pool is known to the small boy and the rustic angler under many names—in one place as a sucker, in another a bullhead, in a third a wolf fish and, most outrageous of all, in northern Mississippi as a shad. But its own only genuine title is catfish. The name is derived from the fact that when the creature is raised from the water it emits a grunting protest which poetical fishermen have pronounced like the purring of a family cat.

Philadelphia produced the catfish habit. For two centuries the animal was looked at as something which might be eaten to prevent starvation until one fine day a thrifty Quaker found that the catfish would eat boiled cornmeal and that this simple food not only fattened the eater, but changed the color of its belly from white to yellow. He perceived the pecuniary value of the discovery and established a catfish farm in which he fattened the fishes which he caught elsewhere and in due season sold them to the Philadelphia markets.

A Quakeress soon after that discovered that the old fashioned waffle, slightly salted and covered with melted butter, made an irresistible accessory to the fish when well fried. This started the catfish and waffles, for which the City of Brotherly Love has ever since been famous. The habit spread like an epidemic, and, like the star of empire, its way was westward. So far as is known the United States government has no record of catfish and waffles east of the Delaware river. But starting at Philadelphia a distinct, unbroken zone westward, formed by the at Denver, reaching as far north as Minneapolis and St. Paul and as far south as Memphis, Atlanta, New Orleans, Houston and possibly the Rio Grande. It is also a strong support to railroads, stocks—New York Post.

The Women of Damascus.

The women of Damascus, that is, the Moslem women, are more closely veiled than those of Constantinople and other eastern cities because the people have come to regard as objectionable many of the natural customs of the race and the requirements of their religion. The veils are thicker, and cover the entire face. Some of them are fastened so that the concealment is even more total.

Greeks, Jews and Armenians do not wear veils, and some of them are very handsome, particularly the Jewish women. Their eyes sparkle and their hair is not sugar. The types of oriental beauty [illegible] Sacred Scripture's Song.

Now we are employed about the [illegible] The work is done by girls. In Damascus [illegible] of the streets [illegible] sounds of women and girls are mighty few, but they are exclusively Greeks and Jews. No Moslem would permit his wife [illegible] appear in a shop or [illegible] other place where men are employed.—Chicago Record-Herald.

If You Have to Fight a Bee.

If any member of this quick should ever be so unfortunate as to [illegible] that there is no [illegible] it is recommended that he try to release himself by taking hold of the creature's tail and unwinding it from that end. It can be easily unwound in that way, but otherwise it is not possible. The way to kill a snake is not to attempt to crush its head, the bones of which are very hard, but to strike the tail, where the spinal cord is but thinly covered by bone and suffers readily from injury. It is the same with an eel. Hit the tail two or three times against any hard substance, and the eel quickly dies.

The boas are not venomous, but their fangs are sufficiently powerful to inflict serious wounds.

One of Rhodes' Ideas.

A well known peer once asked Cecil Rhodes to stand godfather to his son, and he replied that he would on one condition, which was that he might invest at once £100 in the boy's name and give £100 on each succeeding birthday, provided that it should all go on at compound interest until the boy was old enough to begin to spend the interest, and that then he might yearly decide on what to spend it, so long as it was not on himself. "This," said Mr. Rhodes, "will do two things—first, it will teach your boy how to spend money, and, secondly, it will make him unselfish and kind to those in need."—Court Journal.

Not Guilty.

"Is your husband a bibliomaniac?" asked Mrs. Oldcastle as she was being permitted to view the treasures in the library of the new neighbors.

"Mercy sakes, no," replied Mrs. Packenham, "he never bibbles a bit. Oh, of course, I don't say that he wouldn't take a little at his meals if the rest was doin' it, but that's as far as he ever goes in them kind of things."—Chicago Record-Herald.

A Change Suggested.

"What is your occupation?" asked the old physician as he felt the patient's pulse.

"I'm an opera singer," was the reply.

"Ah!" exclaimed the M. D. "What you need is a change of air. Suppose you try singing in a church choir."—Chicago News.

From Sir John Lubbock we take this ennobling thought: "You may see in a shallow pool either the mud lying at the bottom or the image of the blue sky above."

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An Astonished Pasha and a Lieutenant Who Won Promotion.

Kassim Pasha was governor of a province in Egypt who was very jealous of his reputation for the possession of brave officers and strongly disposed to punish severely all who showed any cowardice in battle. One day he met upon the street a Bedouin who had boarded the pasha and afterwards his riders. "To what regiment do you belong?" demanded the indignant administer. "To the — regiment, at Abassieh," replied the frightened lieutenant. "Get into my carriage at once so that I can carry you to the encampment and have you publicly punished," was the stern command which followed.

The young man obeyed, and the twain rode along gloomily enough for some time, when the pasha stopped his carriage and entered an office where he would be detained for some time on business. Seizing the opportunity, the culprit sprang from the vehicle, darted into a neighboring barber's stall and regained his post before the return of his jailer minus his beard. For the remainder of the route the officer buried his face in his hands and seemed the picture of apprehension.

Abassieh was reached at last, and all the officers were assembled to witness the degradation of their comrade, who all the while kept well in the rear of his chief. "Come forward, you son of a dog!" cried the irate pasha, when there stepped before him an officer with a face as clean as a baby's and a look of the most supreme innocence. His excellency gave one look of blank astonishment and then, with an appreciative shout breaking over his war worn features, turned to the assembled officers and said, "Here, gentlemen, you see I was a fool, and your young lieutenant is a captain."

THE SIZE OF FAIRIES.

Centuries Who Live In the Poetry of the Elizabethan Age.

[illegible] poetry are [illegible] fairy costumes [illegible] those of [illegible] Writers have commonly assumed that such a princess was the product of poetic fancy, which endowed these spirits [illegible] to the mankind by [illegible] is no error. Pelletier supposes us with abundant examples of fairies who can carry no more than a single straw, who change from a mouse, and make a tiny house in order to traverse a keyhole. Copendant is the testimony of slanderous as what the [illegible] passes for being a fairy cup.

If these profound critics allow his literal interpretation, and lose sight of [illegible] exquisite qualities of these [illegible] who in power [illegible] their honest consorts [illegible] Mab [illegible] that the jewel of a mite is yet [illegible] with the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Helping a Fellow Out.

He (who stutters badly)—I fu-fu-love you mum-mum—I mi-love you mum-mum-more than tut-tut tongue can tut tut—more than tut-tut tongue can tut tut—

She (eagerly)—Don't you know the deaf and dumb alphabet?

Were I to speak my whole mind I should dare to say that men are made for laughter and women for tears.—La Clavlere, "The Art of Life."

No fight was ever won by parrying alone. Hard hitting is the best parry. The offensive is the only sure defensive.

The Money-Back Cough Syrup.

Means a lot to people who are tired of experimenting with the "ordinary" cough preparations—you are not out a cent if Dr. Geo. Leininger's Fer-mal-de-hyde Cough Cure does not please you. It will cure consumption and all serious and stubborn lung and throat diseases Sold at 25c on a guarantee by J. W Voorhees.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

BY VIRTUE OF SUNDRY WRITS OF FIERI Facias, Levari Facias and Venditioni Exponas, Alias Fieri Facias, Pluries Fieri Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., and to me directed, I will expose at public sale in the Court House, in the borough of Smethport, on

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 1902,

at 1 p. m., the following several pieces of property:

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Defendant's interest in all those certain pieces, parcels or tracts of land situate, lying and being in the township of Keating, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, and described as follows, to-wit: No. 1. Beginning at a beech; thence north 25 perches to a beech; thence west 10 perches to a beech; thence north 25 perches to a beech; thence west 10 perches to the place of beginning. Containing 1½ acres, be the same more or less. Also, all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate in the township of Keating, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a post, corner of Bingham lot No. 2; thence by said lot south 25 degrees west 100 perches to a sugar tree, the north westcorner of lot No. 3 sold to Gideon Irons; thence by said lot south 15 degrees west 109.4 perches to a post; thence south 8 degrees east 3 perches to a post, a corner of Gideon Irons, Bingham lot No. 1; thence by the same south 15 degrees west 100 perches to a post; thence west 10 perches to a post, the place of beginning. Containing 6 acres, be the same more or less, with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging. Being lots Nos. 1 & 2 of the aforesaid lots of Bingham. Both of said lots were sold by the Sheriff of McKean county, Pa., on the 2nd day of April, 1900, and a deed for the same premises executed and delivered to Wm. R. Chadwick by William Hall by deed dated April 14th, 1900, and recorded in Deed Book 118, page 472, &c. Partly improved and having thereon one framestable and a good orchard.

No. 2. Also, beginning at a post, the southwest corner of the above-described premises; thence south 18 rods to a down axle, the southwest corner of lands now or formerly of Stephen Irons; the new west 205 rods to a stone corner; thence north 18 rods to a post, thence east 483 rods to a post, thence north 4 rods to a post; thence east 1284 rods to a post; thence south 50 rods to a post; thence west 1284 rods to the place of beginning. Containing 1193 acres, being a part of warrants Nos. 207 & 209. Unimproved.

Excepting and reserving from the last described tract all the coal, iron ore and minerals of the tract not stone and all the petroleum, rock or carbon oil and gas which may be in, upon or under the said last described tract, with the rights to operate the same, as reserved in a certain deed from the said Reuben Barnhart, Trustees, to Robert Osmond Cunningham, Trustees to Robert Osmond Cunningham and Lafayette J. Barker, dated October 20th, 1880, and recorded in Deed Book Vol. 6, page 10, and being the same premises conveyed by John R. Chadwick by Release conveyed to John R. Chadwick by Robert Osmond and Lafayette J. Barker and wife by deed dated October 15th, 1884, and recorded in Deed Book 118, page 473, &c.

No. 3. Also, beginning at a sugar tree, the northeast corner of the northwest part of lot No. 3 of the Union tract of Bingham lands in said township conveyed to the Smethport Water Company; thence south 18 degrees west 100 perches to a beech; thence south 36 degrees east 45 perches to a stone; thence north 1 degree east 42 perches; thence south 89 degrees east 64 perches; thence along the west line of lot No. 2 north 18 degrees east 98 perches to the northwest corner of said lot No. 2; thence north 72 degrees west 22 perches to the center of the road; thence along the center of said highway the same west along the said highway 102.3 perches to a post, the southwest corner of Bingham lot No. 4; thence north 25 degrees west 22 perches to the place of beginning. Containing 19 acres, be the same more or less; and being lot No. 3 and part of lot No. 4 of said Bingham lands, and part of warrants Nos. 2068, 2067, 3000 and 3001; and being part of same premises conveyed to John R. Chadwick by the Trustees of the Bingham Estate by deed dated November 17th, 1883, and recorded in Deed Book 118, page 472, &c. Partly improved.

Excepting and reserving from the tract last described 40 acres conveyed by the said John R. Chadwick to the heirs at law of Deborah Housler by deed dated May 10th, 1898, and recorded in Deed Book Vol. 28, page 181.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Sheridan Gorton, Administrator of John R. Chadwick, deceased, at the suit of Executors of Estate of A. N. Taylor, deceased, for use of Ada M. Young and Flora T. Newman and for use of Freeman Chadwick and John E. Chadwick, now for use of M. S. Cones.

T. F. Richmond, plaintiff's attorney.

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First. Defendant's interest in all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the borough of Eldred, McKean county and State of Pennsylvania, and on the street running from Edson street to the Cutlery Works, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the northwest corner of the Cutlery lot; running thence north sixty (60) feet to the corner of the Dolly Olmstead lot; thence east one hundred and twenty (120) feet to a corner; thence south sixty (60) feet to the north line of said Cutlery lot; thence west along the north line of said Cutlery lot one hundred and twenty (120) feet to the place of beginning. Containing seventy-two hundred (7200) square feet of land more or less. Being same premises conveyed by T. S. Bennett to Peter Buyises conveyed by deed dated Dec. 20th, 1898 recorded said by deed dated Dec. 20th, 1898 recorded in Deed Book Vol. 114, page 345, McKean County Records, the records of McKean county showing, however, said land to be subject to the lien of judgment No. 351, June Term, 1897. Improved.

Second. Also, that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the borough of Eldred, McKean county and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Bounded on the east by right of way of the W. N. Y. & P. R. R.; on the south by lands of Mrs. A. E. Carey; on the west by the line between Eldred boro and Eldred township, and on the north by lands of R. Dennis and of the H. B. & K. R. R. Containing about eight (8) acres, all improved.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Truman S. Bennett at the suit of Byron D. Hamlin, use E. W. Doane, suit of Byron D. Hamlin, use E. W. Doane, use H. L. White, now for use of C. Y. White.

Bouton & Gallup, plaintiff's attorneys.

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Defendant's interest in all the oil or mineral on or in the following piece or parcel of land situate in the township of Bradford, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a sugar tree at the northeast corner of lot No 324; thence east 95 8-10 rods more or less to a post; thence south 167 rods more or less to a post; thence west 95 8-10 rods more or less to a post at the southwest corner of warrant No. 3329; thence north 167 rods more or less to the place of beginning. Containing 100 acres more or less. Being lot No. 323 in warrant No. 3329, together with the right of ingress and egress for the purpose of working the same or any part thereof.

Also, all the oil or minerals on or in the lot of land situate in the township of Bradford, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a sugar tree at the southeast corner of lot No. 200; thence south 210 rods more or less to a beech tree; thence west 31 rods more or less to a post; thence north 210 rods more or less to a post; thence east 31 rods more or less to the place of beginning. Containing 40 7-10 acres, more or less, and being the east part of lot No. 324 and part of warrants Nos. 2281 & 2021, together with the right of ingress and egress for the purpose of working the same or any part thereof. First party hereby conveying the same rights conveyed to him by deed from Horace Little, Executor of D. Kingsbury, dated March 4th, 1870, and being the same premises conveyed to Truman Skinner by R. I. Taylor and wife by deed dated March 4th, 1870, and recorded in McKean county records in Deed Book Vol. "I," page 733, etc.

The above piece of land having thereon 2 oil wells complete, 2 carpenters rigs, 1 tank, 1 boiler, 1 engine, drive pipe, casing, tubing, sucker rods, steam, oil and water hoses, machinery, fixtures, drilling and appurtenances thereon situate and to the same pertaining.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of T. Sawyer at the suit of Frank J. Barker, for use of C. S. Devier.

W. E. Burdick, plaintiff's attorney.

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Defendant's interest in all that tract or parcel of land situate in the city of Bradford, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, comprising the whole of lot number 51 of Whitney & Wheeler's east side lots, as laid out in 1877-79 for said Whitney & Wheeler by Jo Gorton, surveyor, which map is filed in the office of the Recorder of McKean county. The said lot being 50 feet in width, front and rear, and 100 feet deep. Improved.

Also. All that tract or parcel of land situate in the city of Bradford, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, comprising the whole of lot number 51 of Whitney & Wheeler's east side lots, according to the survey and map made in 1877-79 for said Whitney & Wheeler by L. Gorton, surveyor, which map is filed in the office of the Recorder of McKean county. The said lot being 50 feet in width, front and rear, and 100 feet deep. Improved and having thereon one two-story frame dwelling house.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of E. M. Wheeler and Agnes A. Wheeler at the suit of Loyal Ward.

James George, plaintiff's attorney.

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Defendant's interest in all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Fifth ward of the city of Bradford, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded Kean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Being lot No. 17 of a certain piece of land purchased by Jos. Duke of Hefos Harris, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of Hillside avenue and Hill street; thence northerly along the west side of Hillside avenue 66 feet to the alley 33 feet; thence westerly 66 feet to the north line of Hill street; thence eastern along the north line of Hill street 33 feet to the place of beginning, said lot having a frontage on Hill street of 33 feet and a depth of 66 feet. Improved.

Also. All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the Third ward of the city of Bradford, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded Kean and State of Pennsylvania and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point in the south side of Summer street, said point being the northeast corner of an alley running thence south along the east line of said alley and at right angles with Summer street one hundred and fifty-eight (158) feet more or less to the north line of lands owned by Mrs. Pratt; thence east along the north line of said lands to the west line of Part F, feet to a point in the west line of lands owned by Chas. Barr; thence north along Barr's west line 158 feet to a point in the northwest corner of said Barr's lot, the northwest corner of Lot No. 2 of Summer street; thence west and right angles with Summer street 66 feet to the place of beginning. Improved.

Excepting from the last above described lot the following described piece or parcel of land heretofore conveyed to W. S. Hoyt by deed dated Sept. 1st, 1899. Commencing at a point the northwest corner of lands of said Hoyt on Summer street; thence south 50 feet; thence westerly on Summer street 66 feet to the place of beginning; thence south parallel with Summer street 158 feet; thence west 66 feet; thence north 158 feet; thence east